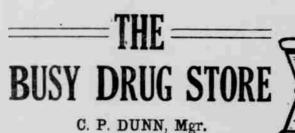


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JAPANESE EMPIRE LIKELY TO BECOME MARITIME POWER

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.— The United States is not the only country which is creating a ship-building to the country. building industry to meet war needs.
The Japanese yards are also making ships and millionaires, who promise to exert an important influence on the future of Nippon.

At the beginning of the war Japan had several shipwards but they ware

had several shippards, but they were had several shipyards, but they were more ornamental than useful, doing little work and looked upon more as a government hobby than anything else. For they were subsidized by the government, in spite of the fact that almost all Japanese shipping much lower price than it could be built in Japanese yards. Later, the government had reason to congretion. severnment had reason to congratu-late itself upon what for years had appeared to be a somewhat reason-

appeared to be a somewhat reasonable subsidy.

When the demand for ships came in 1915 Japanese, shippards were ready. The value of shipping rose so rapidly that there was no longer any danger of Europear, competition, even if Europe had been in the position to converte which of converte. position to compete, which, of course, it wasn't. The shippards of Great Britain, most efficient in the world, could not supply their own war demand. Japan was not long in recognizing its opportunity. By the end of 1915 eighty-eight ships with a total tonnage of 481,000 tons were in the process of building in Japanese

Since then many other yards have opened up, carloads of machinery have been imported, thousands of mer trained, millions paid in dividends. It is estimated that there is now 238 shipyards in Japan, turning out on the average of two hundred thousand tons a year and preparing to turn out three hudred thousand be-fore long. It is not known how many ships have been sold outright to the Allies, but it is known that Japanese ships are carrying much war cargo; that Japan now stands lifth on the list of the world's

not a new industry in Japan; it is old as the country itself. Where these modern shipyards build huge bottoms, the ancient Japanese once built sturdy wooden boats.

Today the word "maru" signifies ships, but the word actually means round. Historians believe that this word has come down from the time the ship-building of Japan confined to found, tub-like boats ich as were used in the primitive d Japanese history were fought ith large fleets of wooden ships. At the end of the sixteenth century Japanese ship-builders were experts in their line. They built ships sev-eral times as large as the junks now amon on the coasts and river pon, much sturdier than that carried Columbus safely to America and quite as commodious as the Dutch Portuguese ships of that

and Java, and there is evidence that at least one trip was made to Mexico.

Japanese sailors became famous all over the Pacific for their ability and daring—a fact which led more than one of them into unexpected adventures. Thus it happened that Yamada Nagamasa, the captain of a vessel that carried cargoes between Japan and Siam, noted for his comely appearance and reckless bravery, attracted the attention of the queen of Siam. This lady became so enamored finally that she poisoned her husband in order to finnce and settled down as viceroy of an important Siamese province. Shortly a wedding present came from the queen—an ordinary Siamese now the ships are steel, and there is trinket presumably-but Yamada was more money in it.

und dead. Whether due to such incidents as Whether due to such incidents as this or to the heavy immigration from Japan, the shogunate decided in 1636 to adopt its famous policy of exclusion. All foreigners were at once notified to leave Japan, while the Japanese themselves were forbidden to go to other countries. To insure obedience to this mandate, every ship capable of an ocean voyage was ordered destroyed except two, which were kept as souvenirs by the government. Royal edicts were issued, prohibiting the building of any but the smallest junks to be used in coastwise trade, and incapable of long voyages. So ended incapable of long voyages. So ended this romantic period of Japanese shipping, sea exploits and foreign trade, inspired to a great extent by an Englishman, Will Adams. For two centuries ship-building in

laborers showed a positive physical unfitness for steel construction. The government aid to ship-owners, however, resulted in the gradual increase of Japanese shipping until by 1995 it represented one-eleventh of the world steem towners.

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the queen of Siam. This lady be-came so enamored finally that she Thus the end of the war will see poisoned her husband in order to Japan once more ready to take a make Yamada king. Followed a prominent part in marine affairs, dangerous career for Yamada. Al-ready in love with a royal Siamese old bromide about history repeating princess, he carried his bravery a itself, for here in the beginning of the twentieth century we find Japan vances of the queen, married his building many ships, carrying many paying many navy navy.

snipping, sea exploits and foreign trade, inspired to a great extent by an Englishman, Will Adams.

For two centuries ship-building in Japan was merely junk-building and then, in 1834, the industry was again started by the government that had destroyed it. There had been a war with China, which had shown the Japanese their own; great need for spilos. Government subsidies were prises.

Japanese their own: great need for ships. Government subsidies were provided for shipyards, bounties offered to every man who owned a ship.

The ship-yards constructed on account of this inducement were not an important success. Not only did they fail to meet the competition of those of Great Britain, but Japanese laborers showed a positive physical unfitness for steel construction. The government aid to ship-owners, hownecessity of excluding the air, pre-cludes the adaptability of cardboard cartons, in which milk is sold in some cities, when it is to be carried but a

at the office of the adjutant general at the state house in regard to the coming organization of the reserve battallon, which it has been stated is to be formed for the protection of the citizens and their property.
"Yuma is the latest town to declare that it wishes to be included in the reserve battalion," said Colonel Harris,

contain not less than one hundred names, that being the minimum, according to the state law."

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—As the first financial step in preparation for the third liberty loan, Secretary Mc-Adoo tonight announced a new issue of \$400,000,000 treasury certificates of in The government appeal agents are sending instructions to all local boards in the country to appeal all cases of dependencies where the registrant claims exemption on account of a dependent wife and who has been married since May, 1917, according to an announcement made yesterday by Charles W. Harris, adjutant general.

"It has been reported to the provost marshal general," stated Colonel Har-

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Two of the air fights yesterday were particularly moving, Lieutenant St. Caroni, a noted shot, attacked a German machine at fights yesterday 12,000 feet. He crippled the machine at the third shot and put six shots in the head of the aviator and seven in the head of the pilot, the machine and its occupants tumbling in a dizzying spiral. Later, Captain Zobali brought down another machine which fell at Foza.

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